

THE SCORPION

It is sometimes difficult to think of a time when all animals will live at peace among mankind. There is a time coming called the Kingdom of God when this will happen. Even the frightful scorpion will be tame and will make a good pet.

Long ago the Israelite children left the land of sin in Egypt and traveled through the "Great and terrible wilderness". There were many dangers in the wilderness. There were fiery serpents and scorpions and many times there was no food to eat or water to drink because of a drought in the land.

One time the Israelites became afraid in the wilderness but God had chosen a good leader, Moses, to guide the people through the land. They were afraid of Pharaoh's army coming after them after they had crossed the Red Sea. Moses told the people, do not fear the Egyptians. You shall not see them anymore for God has destroyed them and they cannot bring harm to anyone of you.

Another time the Israelites complained because they did not have any water. They said the water is bitter and we cannot drink it and we are thirsty and our cattle are thirsty. The people cried to Moses, "What shall we drink?" Moses prayed unto God and God led them to a place that had twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees. There they camped with fresh, sweet water to drink and a cool shade for their cattle and all the people.

The children again complained to Moses that he had brought them into the wilderness to die because of hunger. Moses prayed to God again asking for food for all the people. God answered and said, "I will rain bread from heaven for you". Moses told the people God had heard their cry and that God would send quail to eat at evening and in the morning there would be manna or bread to supply their needs. The manna was symbolic of the "Bread of life" Jesus Christ.

God had done many thing for the Israelites in the wilderness and when they had nearly reached the end of their journey, Moses reminded them to thank God for keeping them safe from the fiery serpents and the sting of the scorpions as well as all the food and water God had provided.

God protects us too from the vicious sting of the scorpion and supplies all our needs.

Memory verse: I give you power over all the enemy...Luke 10:19.

